

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner in numbered section 1 of the Office Action. In view of these amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1 and 13 in numbered section 1 of the Office Action are requested.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in numbered section 2 of the Office Action, applicants are submitting herewith a timely filed and properly executed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is requested.

The Terminal Disclaimer has been filed in order to advance the prosecution of the application and is not an admission of the propriety of the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, it is submitted the subject application is condition for allowance.

Applicants note the Examiner has cited a number of documents as being pertinent to applicants' disclosure. However, since none of these documents has been applied in rejecting the claims formerly in the application, further discussion of these documents is deemed unnecessary.

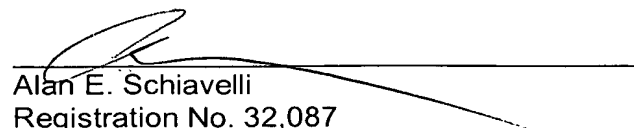
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.39932CX1),
and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP



Alan E. Schiavelli
Registration No. 32,087

AES/at
(703) 312-6600